Dr. Glenn Johnson is a leading regional expert on conservation biology of various amphibians, reptiles, and birds. He is considered an expert on three protected species: the Eastern Massasauga Rattlesnake, the Blanding's Turtle, and the Spruce Grouse.

Along with his teaching, his responsibilities as Chair of the Biology department for the last 15 years, and his other service to the College, such as chairing our Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC), Glenn has led many undergraduate research students in the study of amphibians, reptiles, and birds. Over 50 students have presented at local and regional conferences. Working with Glenn has inspired many of our research students to formulate promising career paths in the sciences.

Glenn secured $3 million in local and joint funding which resulted in his nearly 60 presentations at regional and national conferences and penning approximately 50 publications. Among these publications, Glenn co-authored three books and contributed chapters to five others. Much of his research has been invaluable to governmental agencies including the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation.

Glenn was awarded the President's Award for Excellence in Scholarship and/or Creative Activities in 2008 for his outstanding research of threatened and endangered vertebrates in the Northeastern United States.

In recognition of his creative commitment and collaborative work, The State University of New York presents Dr. Glenn Johnson the 2017 Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Scholarship and Creative Activities.